



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

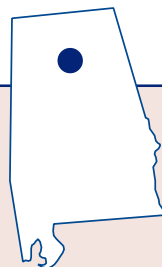
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## EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The job training grants provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to prepare them for employment in the assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## Community Description

The Brownfield Institute was selected to receive a job training grant. Anniston (population 25,000) is almost 49% African-American. The African-American community is concentrated in the western part of town, in close proximity to the city's original, abandoned foundry locations. The poverty rate in the west Anniston community is 37% and the unemployment rate is greater than 14%. Anniston is a federally designated Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community. The area includes a significant number of brownfields



## Job Training Grant

**\$161,000**

EPA has selected the Brownfield Institute of Anniston for a job training grant. The Institute plans to train 50 students, graduate 80% of the students, achieve a 90% placement rate, and track students for one year. The training program will offer 248 hours of instruction in hazardous waste health and safety training, heavy equipment operation, environmental sampling and analysis, envirosourcing, and modern environmental technologies. Students will be recruited from the disadvantaged, low-income, unemployed, and underemployed residents of west Anniston. The City of Anniston, Calhoun County, and other public and private organizations will work with the program to provide temporary and long-term employment opportunities at various brownfields redevelopment projects in the area.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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and other hazardous waste sites from historical land uses. There are several remediation projects under way or anticipated in the near future and demand for trained workers is expected to be significant. Tax incentives also are available to companies that hire graduates who reside in an Empowerment Zone.